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## CHARLES COUNTY, MARYLAND

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*Origin:* Charles County was created in 1658 by an Order in Council. It is not to be confused with an earlier Charles County (1650-1653) known as Old Charles County. The County was named for Charles Calvert (1637-1715), 3rd Lord Baltimore. Calvert lived in Maryland from 1661 until he returned to England in 1684. He was Proprietor of the Maryland colony from 1675 to 1689, when he lost his right to govern. From 1692 until Calvert's death in 1715, Maryland was governed as a royal colony.

*County Seat:* La Plata, MD 20646

*Form of Government:* Code Home Rule since 2002

*Population:* 1990 census: 101,154; 2000 census: 120,546

*Websites:*

Animal Control: [www.charlescounty.org/es/animalcontrol](http://www.charlescounty.org/es/animalcontrol)

Circuit Court: [www.courts.state.md.us/clerks/charles/index.html](http://www.courts.state.md.us/clerks/charles/index.html)

Community College: [www.csm.cc.md.us](http://www.csm.cc.md.us)

Community Services Dept.: [www.charlescounty.org/cs](http://www.charlescounty.org/cs)

County Attorney: [www.charlescounty.org/coattorney](http://www.charlescounty.org/coattorney)

County Commissioners: [www.govt.co.charles.md.us/commissioners](http://www.govt.co.charles.md.us/commissioners)

County Government: [www.charlescounty.org](http://www.charlescounty.org)

District Court: [www.courts.state.md.us/district/directories/courtmap.html#charles](http://www.courts.state.md.us/district/directories/courtmap.html#charles)

Economic Development Commission: [www.ccbiz.org](http://www.ccbiz.org)

Elections Board: [www.charlescounty.org/boe](http://www.charlescounty.org/boe)

Emergency Services: [www.charlescounty.org/es/index.htm](http://www.charlescounty.org/es/index.htm)

Fiscal Services Dept.: [www.charlescounty.org/fs](http://www.charlescounty.org/fs)

Health Dept.: [www.charlescountyhealth.org](http://www.charlescountyhealth.org)

Human Resources Dept: [www.charlescounty.org/hr](http://www.charlescounty.org/hr)

Information Technology Dept: [www.charlescounty.org/it](http://www.charlescounty.org/it)

Job Service: [www.dllr.state.md.us/county/charles](http://www.dllr.state.md.us/county/charles)

Library: [www.ccplonline.org](http://www.ccplonline.org)

Parks & Grounds Division: [www.charlescounty.org/pf/pg/parks](http://www.charlescounty.org/pf/pg/parks)

Public Defender: [www.opd.state.md.us/locations/charles.htm](http://www.opd.state.md.us/locations/charles.htm)

Public Facilities Dept: [www.govt.co.charles.md.us/pf](http://www.govt.co.charles.md.us/pf)

Public Schools: [www.ccboe.com](http://www.ccboe.com)

Register of Wills: [www.registers.state.md.us/county/ch/html/charles.html](http://www.registers.state.md.us/county/ch/html/charles.html)

Sheriff: <http://ccso.us>

Social Services Dept.: [www.dhr.state.md.us/charles.htm](http://www.dhr.state.md.us/charles.htm)

Tourism Office: [www.charlescounty.org/tourism](http://www.charlescounty.org/tourism)

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### LEGISLATIVE BRANCH

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#### COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF CHARLES COUNTY, MARYLAND

*Elected by Voters to 4-year terms:*

F. Wayne Cooper\* (D), *President (4-year term), At Large*

\*(appointed Dec. 1, 2004, to replace Murray D. Levy)

Robert J. Fuller (D), *Vice-President, Dist. 4*

Candice Quinn Kelly,\* *Dist. 1*

\*(appointed March 11, 2005 to replace W. Daniel Mayer)

Edith J. Patterson,\* *Ed.D. (D), Dist. 2*

\*(appointed Jan. 11, 2005, to replace F. Wayne Cooper, who became president)

Allan R. Smith (R), *Dist. 3*

*Terms expire 2006.*

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### EXECUTIVE BRANCH

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#### ADMINISTRATION

*Appointed by County Commissioners:*

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